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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated 4 September 2003, please amend the above-entitled application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS

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Please substitute new amended and retyped claims 1 and 17.

Marked up versions of the amended changes made are attached as enclosures.

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REMARKS

Claims 1 to 18 were presented for examination. Claims 1 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112(1) for specific reasons. Claim 1 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner. The applicants have not yet amended claim 4 which the Examiner erroneously alleges the specification does not show "any means for vertically positioning a substrate/wafer." Applicants' Figures 8, 9 and 12 show and

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